

Garden Challenge Update

Monday 5th September

Over the last few weeks, we have put the Garden Beds in, started our fence, added in the compost, and sowed some seeds.

The Garden beds went in first a few weeks ago, and soon the dirt was added in. Then a few days after that, some parents and helpers came to the school and started the process of building the fence. That was on a bright sunny Saturday morning. That day, the poles were inserted, and the concrete was added to secure it firmly in place.

A week after that, we got together again and added in the compost on top, along with some gypsum to break down the hard soil underneath, even little Patrick was there to help. We used 18 bags of compost and Tui Garden Mix altogether, with four into each garden bed. It was very fun. The compost was rather smelly but we knew it would be good for the plants.

Today (05.09.11) we learnt how to sow seeds in Tui Seed Mix and decided what kind of plants were going in each garden bed. We got to sow some seeds ourselves, and it was very interesting. There were lots of different seeds that we could try, such as lettuce, beans, peas, chilli, tomatoes, and all sorts of others. It was our first go, so there were a few small mistakes, but it was still mostly successful.

There was a small mess, but we quickly got that cleaned up.

Our next big goal is putting the mesh around our fence to make it complete.

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